



# Press Release

## City of Edmonds

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### **Edmonds Tree Board Open House** **August 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm** **Plaza Room at Edmonds Library – 650 Main Street, Edmonds 98020**

**(Edmonds – WA)** *"The tree in front of my home is a word, the trees on my street are a sentence, the trees in my neighborhood are a paragraph, and all the trees in the community are a story... The future of this story lies in the hands of all residents, and our challenge is to show them the connection between their trees and their community forest."* This quote is from a highly regarded research forester, Greg MacPherson, and it summarizes the thoughts of the members of the Edmonds Tree Board. In 2010, the Edmonds City Council created the citizen Tree Board by ordinance, and the group has been meeting regularly ever since. The mission of the City of Edmonds Tree Board is to engage, encourage and educate both city government and residents to protect and enhance the community forest for its long-term economic, environmental and social benefits for Edmonds.

The Tree Board invites the community to an open house, Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm at the Edmonds Library Plaza Room to share and discuss their recent activities around this mission. Information presented will include draft community forestry key objectives and some initial strategies, an introduction to the tree code and policy update project, and a proposal for an Edmonds Heritage Tree program. There will be plenty of opportunity for public comment and participation at the event. More information and ongoing updates are available on the City's website under "Tree Board" to continue the community conversation.

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